

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

1. (cancelled)
2. (currently amended) ~~The clamp of claim 1 wherein~~ A decking clamp for use in an underhung roof system comprising:

a substantially C-shaped housing having first and second opposed arms and a clamping cavity with a variable gap opening to said cavity;

a threaded retention nut having an outer diameter dimension secured within a two opening notch in a front section of said first opposed arm; and

said two opening notch further comprises a generally vertical partition wall between opposite sides of said notch, thereby forming opposed openings in said front section, said retention nut having outer edges extending through said opposed openings and retained therein rearward said partition wall when opposite side walls of said housing are spaced apart a distance less than said outer diameter dimension of said nut; and

a threaded fastener member extensible through said housing and said threaded retention nut, said fastener member rotatable through said nut to vary the width of said variable gap opening between said first and second opposed arms.
3. (cancelled)